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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY

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- 1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH MINISTER OF COURT ALAM MORNING OF JULY 17 AND CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. ALAM SAID HE WOULD GET BACK TO US AS SOON AS HE CHECKED WITH THE SHAH.
- 2. AMBASSADOR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT KIND OF SCHEDULE THE GOI MIGHT HAVE IN MIND FOR THE SECRETARY WITHIN THE NEW TIME FRAME. IT EMERGED THAT THE MEETING WITH THE SHAH WILL PROBABLY OCCUR THE MORNING OF AUGUST 6 AT RAMSAR RATHER THAN NOWSHAHR, TO BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION AS DESIRED. THE SECRETARY WOULD RETURN TO TEHRAN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 6 AND LATER THAT EVENING CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER, FOLLOWED BY A DINNER WITH EITHER THE PRIME MINISTER OR MINISTER ANSARY AS HOST. THE FOLLOWING DAY WOULD BE DEVOTED TO JOINT COMMISSION BCCINESS IN TEHRAN.
- 2. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE SECRETARY MIGHT BE LODGED, ALAM SAID THAT THE GUEST PALACE WHERE THE SECRETARY STAYED DURING HIS LAST VISIT HERE WAS BEING RENOVATED AND NOT AVAILABLE. ALSO, THE PRIME MINISTER'S GUEST HOUSE DOWNTOWN WHERE VIP GUESTS HAD STAYED IN THE PAST WAS NOT IDEAL FROM A SECURITY POINT OF VIEW. AFTER REVIEWING ONE OR TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES, ALAM SEEMED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LEAN TOWARD THE IDEA OF THE SECRETARY STAYING AT THE

AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THIS TIME AS BEING BEST SUITED BY LOCATION AND SECURITY. FYI: DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON HAS STAYED AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN THE PAST AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE LAYOUT AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. END FYI.

3. ALAM ALSO MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE COURT ABOUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. KISSINGER, INCLUDING A VISIT TO ISFAHAN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS FRONT TO ENSURE COMPLETE COORDINATION HERE. HELMS

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